

**CHELAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 1, 2, 2008**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008**

**8:31:27 AM OPENING – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman pro tem Goehner opens session with Commissioner Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Walter is excused from session this week. Also present are County Administrator Cathy Mulhall and Deputy Clerk of the Board Sally Taylor.

**8:33:27 AM DISTRICT COURT**

District Court Judges Nakata and Harmon and District Court Administrator Patty King meet with the Board regarding District Court budget for 2008 and 2009. **Consensus** of the Board to consider District Court and District Court Probation as one department for the purpose of the 2.5% budget reduction in 2009. Discussion of part time employee expenditure for 2008 and 2009 budget year. District Court will work with the Auditors Office and County Administrator to finalize details of this position.

**9:07:42 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 24, 25, 2008 with corrections.

**9:12:00 AM CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Vouchers as submitted and listed
- Payroll changes:
  - a) Jack Clevenger, Public Works, Reclassification
  - b) Luis Perez, Juvenile, New Hire

**9:14:10 AM BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Commissioner Hawkins met with City of Wenatchee officials regarding draft Interlocal Agreement with Fire District #1 for fire suppression.. Further discussion scheduled for Dec 11.
- Commissioner Goehner to attend Tri Commission Working Group meeting on Dec 11. Agenda items for meeting discussed.
- Snowplow Turn around area needed on Cedar Brae Road in Lake Wenatchee.
- Bankruptcy Filings in Chelan County have reduced from last year.
- Bond Rating for Chelan County and timeline to borrow funds for Regional Justice Center upgrade.
- Planning Commission Meeting minutes for Comp Plan Amendments.
- Per Parcel Assessment for Pest Control requested by Weed Board.

9:47:30 AM RECESS

10:39:37 AM ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

County Administrator, Cathy Mulhall

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Office Staffing for Christmas holiday.
2. 2009 Budget reductions, final budget to be adopted next week.
3. Regional Justice Center budget reductions, discuss at 1:30 PM

10:52:31 AM **Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins to move into Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. Discussion of further administrative items.. **Motion tabled** for action item approval.

10:53:30 AM ACTION ITEMS:

**Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner, and carried unanimously to approve the following action items:

**1. Contracts**

- a) 2009 Agreement for Emergency Services with the City of Leavenworth

20081201A5-1

- b) State of Washington Intergovernmental Coop Purchasing Agreement for Public Agencies 20081201A5-2

**2. Budget Transfer**

- a) Sheriff to transfer \$15,859.75 from Salaries to Non-Dept Extra Help 20081201B4-1

**3. Resolution for Signature**

- a) Adopt **Resolution No. 2008-167** Non-Debatable Emergency Budget Appropriation to 911 Communications

**4. Miscellaneous**

- a) Request by District Court Probation to Solicit Donations of Annual Leave for District Court employee. 20081201B4-2

10:55:30 AM **Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins to move into Executive Session for ten minutes Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee.

11:01:05 AM **Moved** back to regular session.

11:02:03 AM NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Mike Kaputa, Natural Resources Director

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Amendment #1 to Department of Ecology Grant G0800231 for Shoreline Master Program Update.

2. Amendment #1 to Department of Ecology Grant G0800493 for Wenatchee Phosphorus Regulatory Strategy.
3. Amendment #2 to Professional Services Contract with Engineering Mapping Solutions for tracking water reservations. Tracking system is used by Community Development Department. Discuss further with that department on Tuesday.
4. PUD monitoring of Lake Chelan water level information.
5. Tri-Commission meeting scheduled for next week.
6. Peshastin Irrigation District water meeting next week.

**11:31:01 AM ACTION ITEMS:**

**Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner, and carried unanimously to approve the action items as follows:

**1. Contracts/Agreements**

- a) Amendment #1 to Department of Ecology Grant G0800231 for Shoreline Master Program Update 20081201A5-3
- b) Amendment #1 to Department of Ecology Grant G0800493 for Wenatchee Phosphorus Regulatory Strategy 20081201A5-4

**11:30 A.M. FARM WORKER HOUSING CAMP**

*(Session time cancelled)*

**11:32:04 AM BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- 2009 Budget reductions for Horticulture Department. Discussion with Douglas County Commissioner Ken Stanton via telephone. Douglas County to commit \$20,000 to the program for 2009. Further discussion to be held with Horticulture Board.
- Comp Plan Amendment Hearing on Dec 15, workshop scheduled with Community Development for Dec 9.

**11:49:22 AM RECESS**

**1:33:48 PM REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER**

**Phil Stanley, Interim Director**

**1:34:38 PM Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner to move into Executive Session for 10 minutes Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee.

**1:44:00 Extend** executive session for five minutes.

**1:49:38 PM Moved** back to regular session.

**1:50:38 PM REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER DISCUSSION:**

Discussion regarding 2009 budget deficit. **Consensus** of the Board to accept the 2009 budget reductions presented by Director. 20081201C8-1

**2:05:48 PM OHME GARDENS**

**Mike Short, Manager and Sally Brawley Marketing Director.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Gardens will be represented at the Wenatchee Flake Festival for tourism promotion.
- Christmas Promotions for the Gardens in various areas.
- WSU Master Gardeners visited Gardens for plant study.
- Make a Difference Day provided 28 volunteers for Garden clean up.
- Wedding reservations continue to increase.
- Arborist trees study completed to determine tree removal.
- Friends of the Park Committee continues to meet and plan.
- Formal Agreement between Friends of the Park Committee and Chelan County needs to be drafted.

**2:30:05 PM WENATCHEE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY**

**Brian Metcalfe, Director and Jody White, Animal Officer**

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

County has directed a reduction in Humane Society Contract to \$125,000 for 2009. Director Metcalfe offers to provide service for \$150,000, which is a 20% reduction from 2008. Proposal by Humane Society to separate the county into zones with different levels of service. Zones would be based on the urban growth area and population. Further discussion regarding other possible means of service reduction. Next meeting scheduled for Dec. 8.

**3:08:38 PM RECESS**

Board recesses until Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008**

**9:30:16 AM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Public Works Interim Director Jolene Gosselin-Campbell**

**9:30:28 AM** Commissioner Hawkins reports on the progress of the Courthouse brick restoration project. Project delayed due to cold weather, will continue when weather permits.

**9:31:41 AM COMMISSIONERS' ROAD VACATION PUBLIC HEARING**

**Petition for Road Vacation by Robert Yount**

County Engineers Report submitted by Director Jolene Gosselin-Campbell.

20081202V1-1

**Filed,** Information supporting road vacations, and letters and petitions opposed to road vacation. 20081202V1-2

[9:42:03 AM](#) Petitioner Robert Yount speaks in support of road vacation and describe property development known as Sun Mesa Preserve. Vacation of property would allow for private road to be improved. County would benefit from road vacation, as road does not extend to any other accessible property.

[9:54:37 AM](#) Commissioner Hawkins speaks to road vacation.

[9:57:22 AM](#) Jack Jewell of Entiat speaks in opposition to the project. Question remains as to whether Dick Ranch Road was properly vacated.

[10:00:03 AM](#) Chuck Jewell of Entiat speaks in opposition to project. He states that other public property accessed by road should remain open to the public. He references petitions signed by individuals opposed to road vacation as indication that majority of citizens do not support vacation.

[10:04:12 AM](#) Rica Insley Realtor, speaks in support of vacation to assist in property development. Property sales would benefit the county, 60 lots will be available and open space areas will be preserved.

[10:08:44 AM](#) Brenda Harn of Entiat speaks in opposition to vacation, road is only access to open space area and would be lost to Entiat residents for recreational use.

[10:09:51 AM](#) Keith Vradenberg, Fire Chief and Mayor of Entiat, addresses road vacation. Access for fire suppression is essential, and road vacation would not affect that. Property is adjacent to the Entiat urban growth area and borders the City of Entiat. He supports leaving the road open to public access.

[10:13:58 AM](#) Director Gosselin-Campbell states that as a primitive road, the road is not maintained or scheduled for improvment. Access to 60 lots would require considerable road improvements. The road has been modified by the developer, but does not meet county standards.

[10:15:51 AM](#) Mr Yount states that the road is 28 feet wide and culverts are in place.

[10:17:04 AM](#) Road Vacation Hearing closed to testimony.

[10:17:08 AM](#) **Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner, to accept County Road Engineer's recommendation to deny road vacation. At this time, there is no compelling reason to vacate road other than extra access for development, and road does not meet threshold for vacation.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

[10:21:29 AM](#) Senator Linda Parlette present for discussion of Peshastin Interchange Project. DOT representatives Eric Pierson and Kirk Berg also present. Discussion held regarding farmers concerned about lack of access to underpass. Senator Parlette states that she hopes to see the project completed, and would be willing to ask for additional funding from the state if necessary to allow this access. Drainage is also a concern at undercrossing as standing water has been observed. Eric Pierson speaks to drainage issue and states that the problem has been corrected with ditch infiltration. County Engineer believes that erosion and drainage issues remain, as well as changes needed on Saunders road. Commissioner Goehner discusses access to Green Road, no access at this point without going into Peshastin. That intersection was removed due to scaling down of project. The interchange area is in the Peshastin Urban Growth Area and will need better accessibility at some point. Mr Pierson states that the DOT wants to address all these issues. Commissioner Goehner concern is that the fencing erected at the interchange was not anticipated and does not allow agricultural access.

[10:40:21 AM](#) DOT representative Erik Pierson submits maps that shows drainage schematics and states that vegetation will be planted to maintain stability and offset erosion. Fencing required by DOT standards unless there is a strong reasons not to fence. Peshastin Irrigation District also has an easement to the property and the County may be able to use that access. Commissioner Goehner will investigate further options to acquire access, although property owners would be required to grant easement. Mr. Pierson states that DOT will contact property owners and investigate moving fence.

[11:06:31 AM](#) **PUBLIC WORKS DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUE:**

- Public Works Annual Bridge Report filed. 20081202R1-1
- Six Year Transportation Plan Hearing continued until December 9
- Hulk Deputy/ Weights and Measures Position budget discussion. Sheriffs Deputy Scott Nesary and Civil Deputy Ron Hupp present. Public Works would like to see speed enforcement added to the deputy's duties.

[11:13:53 AM](#) **Consensus** of Board to approve \$38,000 from Public Works budget for Deputy to perform duties including abandoned car hulks, weights and measures enforcement, and speed enforcement.

[11:14:53 AM](#) **PUBLIC WORKS DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUE:**

- Deviation Committee members
- Cedar Brae Road plowing and parking
- North Road trail to be completed with Path & Trails Funding. Further discussion needed to determine trail final location.
- Pay Scale for inspector in Public Works Department, Director will discuss with County Administrator.

[11:26:26 AM](#) **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Interim Director Jack McGee, Assistant Director David Grimes**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. 2009 Budget revisions to include staff changes, fee changes and grant funding. Further reductions will be determined at a later date. Board instructs Community Development to maintain customer service as a high priority.
2. Permit Tracking system still not operational, further discussion with IT department to be scheduled.
3. Comp Plan Amendments workshop on Dec 9. Board requests further information for hearing.
4. Historic Lot Lines re establishment. Board approved a resolution to enact re establishment if the lot lines had not been changed.
5. Railroad lot lines may also be re established when the railroad right of way is abandoned.

12:02:11 PM Dan Beardslee of Erlandsen and Associates discusses historic lot lines committee. A resolution was submitted to the board in June of 2006 and was approved.

12:05:06 PM **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

County Administrator Cathy Mulhall and Chief Financial Auditor Brad Posenjak present for discussion.

- 2009 Budget changes
- Forsgren Contract for Douglas Street parking lot needs signature.
- Demolition of building at 414 Douglas Street.
- Market Factors for comparable jobs within the County.
- **Consensus** of the Board to reduce the Pest Control 2009 Budget to \$51,000. The Pest Board Chair has been notified and will make the necessary reductions.
- Animal Control Contract for 2009 should reflect the same services for all unincorporated areas within the County.
- Capital Reserve Fund will be accessible only by Commissioners' resolution.
- Voluntary Denial of salary increases, employees may donate funds back to the County.

12:38:10 PM **Moved** by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Goehner, and carried unanimously that the Board adjourn until Nov 8, 2008. **Board adjourned.**

**Filed Correspondence:**

- Letter to the Board from North Central Regional Library praising the work of Jennifer Maydole during her tenure on the Board. 20081202C8-2

**Vouchers Approved for Payment:** 20081202B4-3

Current Expense	\$281,632.87
All Other Funds	<u>\$718,710.76</u>
Total All Funds	\$1,000,343.63

BOARD OF CHELAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KEITH W. GOEHNER, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

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SALLY TAYLOR, Deputy Clerk of the Board